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Dear Interested Public:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Mount Lewis Field Office has issued a Decision Record (DR) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Environmental Assessment (EA) of the Klondex Gold & Silver Fire Creek Mine Project (Project). The EA analyzes the affected environment, environmental impacts, and identifies environmental protection measures associated with the Project. The Project is a continuation of an existing advanced underground and surface exploration project with 150 acres of currently authorized surface disturbance. The existing exploration plan boundary is approximately 1,988 acres.

The approved Plan of Operation (Plan) will result in a total of 79.86 acres of new surface disturbance and an increase to the plan boundary to 3,455 acres. The total surface disturbance within the Plan area will increase from 150 acres to 229.86 acres. The Plan will be located on private land controlled by Klondex, and on BLM-administered public land within all or parts of Township 30 North (T30N), Range 47 East (R47E), Sections 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 22, 23, and 24; T30N, R48E, Section 19, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian (MDB&M), Lander County, Nevada.

The EA addresses six public comment letters, including those from other agencies. The BLM reviewed the comments and prepared a response to comments, Appendix C: Environmental Assessment Public Comments and Responses.

The EA, DR, and FONSI are available on the BLM ePlanning webpage at <http://1.usa.gov/1YqZPcx> and hardcopies of these documents are available for review at the Battle Mountain District Office at the above address during regular business hours 7:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday.

If you have any questions or require clarification on this EA, please call Christine Gabriel, Planning and Environmental Coordinator at (775) 635-4164.

Sincerely,

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